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RESOLUTIONS *adopted at a Meeting of the Electors of the County of Montreal, for the purpose of complaining of the present Administration, held at Montreal, the 18th December, 1827.*

JULIUS M. QUESNEL. PRESIDENT.

**P. RITCHOT. } SECRETARIES.
A. N. MORIN. }**

RESOLVED 1.—That His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, are strongly attached to the Constitution established by the Act of the 31st of His late Majesty George the Third, ch. 81st, which is sufficient, if its true principles be duly respected, to ensure the happiness of all classes and to draw close the links which unite them to the Mother Country.

RESOLVED 2.—That His Excellency George, Earl of Dalhousie, Administrator of the Government of this Province, has, during his administration thereof, been guilty of divers arbitrary acts tending to alienate the affections of His Majesty's faithful Subjects, and subversive of the Government as by Law established in this Province.

RESOLVED 3.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie, during his administration, has drawn, by warrant or otherwise, from the hands of the Receiver-General of this Province, divers large sums of Money without having any authority of Law for so doing.

RESOLVED 4.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie, has voluntarily and wilfully mutilated, suppressed, kept in his hands and withheld from the knowledge of the Provincial Parliament, divers Documents and public Papers necessary for the Despatch of Business and for the good Government of this Province, to the great detriment of the public service, and to the great prejudice of His Majesty's Subjects, residing in the said Province.

RESOLVED 5.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie, has voluntarily and in violation of his duty towards his Sovereign, and towards his faithful Subjects, in this Province, maintained in the exercise of his functions, John Caldwell, Esquire, formerly Receiver-General, in whose hands the public Revenue of this Province was deposited, by virtue of *Letters and Royal Instructions*, long after that public Accountant had acknowledged his malversation and declared his consequent inability to meet the fair calls made upon him for the public service, and that to the great detriment of the Inhabitants of this Province and to the great prejudice of the public faith and service.

RESOLVED 6.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie, in opposition to the constant practice of His Majesty's Government of this Province, has appointed John Hale, Esquire, to fill up the place of the said John Caldwell, as Receiver-General, without demanding or requiring from him the Securities usually required to secure a due execution of the duties of that situation.

RESOLVED 7.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie, has, at different times, made use of his authority as Commander-in-Chief, to influence and intimidate the Inhabitants of this Province, in the exercise of their civil and political rights.

RESOLVED 8.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie, as Commander-in-Chief, has dismissed and turned out a great number of Militia Officers, without any just cause or sufficient reason.

RESOLVED 9.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie, has, without any cause or sufficient reason, arbitrarily and despotically turned out and deprived several Civil Officers of places of trust and responsibility, to the great prejudice of those officers and of the public service.

RESOLVED 10.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie, has maintained and kept, and still maintain and keep in office many public functionaries, after it has been proved that their nomination to those places, or that their official conduct was prejudicial to His Majesty's service and to the interest of his Subjects in this Province.

RESOLVED 11.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie, has averted to those of tranquillity and without any necessity, Special Courts of Oyer and Terminer, besides the regular and ordinary terms of the Criminal Courts established by Law; by such means, laying a heavy burthen upon His Majesty's Subjects, and causing great expenses to the Province.

RESOLVED 12.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie, by precipitate and violent prorogations and dissolution of the Provincial Parliament, has prejudiced the public interests of this Province—retarded its government, prevented the passing of many useful Acts: That in his Speeches, at those prorogations, he has wickedly aspersed and falsely accused the Representatives of the People, with a view to discredit them with their Constituents, and with the design of creating in His Majesty's Government unfavourable prejudices as to the loyalty and character of His Majesty's Canadian Subjects. That he has permitted the newspapers or gazettes published under his authority, or under his control, daily to utter the most false and calumnious accusations against the House of Assembly, as well as against the whole Body of the People of this Province.

RESOLVED 13.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie, has, through the medium of public writers, known to be in his employment and under his control, menaced the Country with violent, despotical and calamitous exercises of prerogative, namely, that he would perpetually dissolve, or as it was insultingly expressed, "turn out" the representative body until the freeholders and landholders should be reduced to choose, not such representatives as "have a hold on their confidence," but such as would be obsequious to the executive and surrender to it the rights of the people of the Province acting by their representatives, to determine upon what portion of their property might be expended by the administration and to enforce the expenditure thereof; or that he would punish the Country by rejecting Bills passed by the Representatives of the people for the general benefit, until they surrendered the right to grant and control as aforesaid and that the Magistrates and the Judges of the Law, should, as well as the lowest officers, be "turned out" from their high and most important stations, in which a perfect impartiality and independence are essential to public and private security, if they did not please the actual administration.

RESOLVED 14.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie did, in pursuance of the vindictive policy so avowed by the writers in his employment, actually punish the Country, by withholding the royal assent from 6 Bills of appropriation for the internal improvement of the Country in 1826, but to which his Majesty has since graciously given his assent; and by permitting his Executive Councillors and others under his controul and holding offices at pleasure, to use their predominance in the Legislative Council of which they are also Members, for the furtherance of the same vindictive policy, and accordingly to reject in 1827 all Bills of appropriation for the internal improvement of the Province and for charitable purposes which had been annually granted during many years.

RESOLVED 15.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie, by such his oppressive acts, has agitated the whole Country with alarm and vexation; depreciated the judicial department in the estimation of the public, and weakened the confidence of the people in the fair administration of justice; and inspired the whole Province with incurable distrust, suspicion, and dislike of the administration of him the said George, Earl of Dalhousie.

RESOLVED 16.—That the said George, Earl of Dalhousie, has violated the elective franchise of the Inhabitants of this Province by endeavouring directly and indirectly to influence the Elections of the House of Assembly of this Province.

RESOLVED 17.—That it is expedient humbly to petition His Majesty, and represent to him the vexations which his faithful Subjects experience in this distant part of his Dominions, and pray that he may be graciously pleased to recall His Excellency George, Earl of Dalhousie, the Governor-in-Chief, as no longer enjoying public confidence in this Province, and unable to administer the Government thereof, with honour to the Crown and advantage to the People.

RESOLVED 18.—That it is the desire of the People of this Province that the House of Assembly should, in the next session of Parliament, take cognizance of the foregoing Complaints against His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief, George, Earl of Dalhousie, and should maintain and prosecute the same by every means in their power, and conformable to Parliamentary usage.

RESOLVED 19.—That the recent and sudden prorogations of the Provincial Parliament, have prevented our Representatives from officially exposing in England our grievances and our prayers, not only in relation to the last complaints which the Country desires to urge against the administration of His Excellency, George, Earl of Dalhousie, but, besides, as to a great number of matters of considerable moment which deeply interest this Province, and have moreover, deprived us of the advantages which we had good reason to expect from their well known zeal for the good of the Province, and from their well-proved Patriotism.

RESOLVED 20.—That it is expedient, in the meantime, that the People of this Province should depute an Agent or Agents well to carry to England, and support a representation of our aforesaid Complaints and Prayers, for the recall of His Excellency George, Earl of Dalhousie, as to represent such other grievances and subjects of complaint, as they may deem proper to expose.

RESOLVED 21.—That this meeting solicits all the friends of the Country throughout the Province to assemble in County meetings or in meetings of subdivisions of counties to take into consideration the necessity of making known to his most Excellent Majesty our Gracious Sovereign the many grievances and causes of complaint flowing from the illegal and oppressive administration of the Governor in Chief, to pray

for his recall, and to cause petitions for that object to be generally signed: and for that end to form committees, with whom as well as with those that will be formed in the City of Quebec and town of Three Rivers, the Montreal Committee will correspond to the end that the best means be devised to make choice of and send as early as possible one or more agents who shall proceed to England and claim the Protection of the King and Parliament in favour of this oppressed Province.

RESOLVED 22.—That printed copies of the addresses adopted by this meeting be sent to all other committees that may be formed in this District for the same purposes as this is, in order that, if they should deem it advisable for the sake of celerity and as proving a common general feeling, concert and union, they may adopt the same; but that if they should consider it preferable to forward other addresses for the same end, and should send them to the Montreal Committee, that committee will receive them with pleasure and will use all care and diligence to have them forwarded to their destination.

RESOLVED 23.—That to carry into effect the proceedings and resolves of this meeting and to correspond with the agents there be now appointed a committee.

RESOLVED 24.—That the necessity of acting with dispatch, and the difficulty of communications at this time of the year have rendered it impossible early enough to call a general meeting in which gentlemen from all parts of the District would have been chosen to constitute its committee, this meeting ought to proceed in such manner as will afford the best remedy for that inconvenience, will do justice to all the inhabitants of the District, will testify its sincere respect for a few independent Legislative Councillors and for the House of Assembly, and will evince its full and entire approbation for and deep gratitude for the energy and enlightened patriotism, with which they, in bad times and difficult circumstances, have defended our assaulted and invaded rights, particularly since the beginning of the present colonial administration, and therefore be it resolved and it is resolved that the Members of the Legislative Council in this District who are willing to act in the cause of the Country against the abuses of its administration, and that all the representatives of this District are members of the Montreal committee, are requested when in this town to attend to its meetings, aid it with their advice, and by their influence and cooperation foster its proceedings.

RESOLVED 25.—That besides these there be now chosen 23 other members with the power of increasing their number of whom six with the Chairman or in his absence with one of the two Deputy-Chairmen chosen by the committee shall be a Quorum.

RESOLVED 26.—That Francis DesRivières, Senior, Jules Maurice Quissel, Joseph Bedard, Pierre de Rocheblave, Louis Roy Portelaunce, Benjamin Basilique D. Beaubien, Thomas Barron, Senior, François Antoine Larocque, James McGill DesRivières, Jocelyn Waller, Joseph Roy, Félix Souigny, René Joseph Kimber, S. B. Lebourdais, Doctor Tracey, Joseph Masson, O. Berthelet, André Jobin, Jean Dominique Bernard, Alexis Bourret, François Roy, Charles Simon DeLorme, Augustin Tulloch, Senior, Jacob Dean Dewitt, John Donnellan, Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle, Louis Partenis, Alexis Berthelot, Michel Vau, Louis Bousron dit Major, François Groux, Charles Giroux, Stanislas David, Ignace Bertrand, Senior, Paul Monarque, François Fleme, Emmanuel Vidrecaire, Urbain Desrochers, Joseph Allard, Senior, Venant Roy dit Laponde, Junior, Nicolas Lefevre, Michel François Valois and C. Thétard de Montigny, be members of the Committee.

RESOLVED 27.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Chairman for his able conduct in the chair.

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